Railway Minister has stated at Aurangabad recently that Miraj-Latur narrow gauge would be converted into broad gauge;

(b) whether it is a fact that Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli new line has already been surveyed and jalna-Khamgaon new line survey would be undertaken;

(c) if so, by when the surveys would be completed and the work for laying the new lines would be undertaken; and

(d) by when Marathwada railway project i.e. Manmad-Adilabad is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Survey for Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli Vaijnath and Jalna-Khamgaon new BG lines have been completed. As the survey has revealed inadequate traffic prospects there is no proposal to take up the above works at present.

(d) its completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Creation of New Railway Division of Nanded on South-Central Railways

616. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Railway Budget of 1988-89 it was stated that the new railway division at Nanded on South-Central railway zone would be created;

(b) the progress made in this regard; and

(c) by when the work would be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) The work was included in the railway budget of 1985-86. At the first instance, an extra divisional office has only been sanctioned at Nanded.

(b) Various alternatives are under consideration to decide the extent of land acquisition.

(c) The nucleus Divisional office will start functioning a year after the land is handed over to the Railways.

Completion of Manmad-Aurangabad railway line

617. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV-RAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of Railways be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he has declared in Aurangabad recently that Manmad-Aurangabad railway line would be completed in the period of one year;

(b) whether it is a fact that Manmad-Parli and Adilabad-Parbhani, MG to BG conversion project would be completed within the period of four years; and

(c) if so, the financial provision for the projects and debentures selling scheme in the open market which are accepted by Government, if not what are plans thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir

(c} The provision for the projects during 1990-91 is as under:-